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**Title:** Polyester prodn. from terephthalic acid and ethylene glycol - using catalyst obtd. by reacting antimony cpd. and cobalt cpd. in ethylene glycol solvent

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Prepn. of polyester comprises esterifying terephthalic acid with ethylene glycol and polymerising the resulting ester to obtain polyester. A soln. obtd. by reacting an Sb cpd. and a Co cpd. in ethylene glycol as solvent is used as catalyst.

Esterification is carried out in a simple batch process, semi-batch process or a continuous process. The catalyst is prepd. either by mixing ethylene glycol soln. of Sb cpd. and Co cpd. to react and dissolve, or by adding Co cpd. to ethylene glycol soln. of Sb cpd. and heating to react and dissolve. The amt. of Sb cpd. in the soln. is 0.005-3.0 (1.0-2.0) wt.% in terms of Sb2O3 and the amt. of Co cpd. is 0.005-4.0 (1.0-2.0) wt.% in terms of Co acetate.

The esterification rate is increased, formation of diethylene glycol as a by-prod. is inhibited and colouring of the polymer is prevented.

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